

AMENDMENT TO H.R. ____**OFFERED BY** *Mr. Brown***(Medicare Prescription Drug and Modernization Act of 2003)**

In section 1860D-2(b) of the Social Security Act (relating to standard coverage) (as proposed to be inserted by section 101), add at the end [page 21, after line 20] the following new paragraph:

1 “(6) MINIMUM COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding the pre-
2 vious provisions of this subsection, in no case shall qualified
3 prescription drug coverage be less for a year than the out-
4 patient prescription drug coverage provided for covered out-
5 patient drugs under the standard option of the Service
6 Benefit plan referred to in section 8903(1) of title 5,
7 United States Code, for that year.